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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Firearms Legislation

On 19 January 1978 I spoke with Mr. James Robinson, at the Department of Justice, regarding our legislative proposal for firearms authority which he had received from OMB for coordination. Mr. Robinson said in his view the additional explanatory language for the legislation cover letters which we had sent him earlier satisfied his concerns that we provide a bit more detail on the current situation and why we need clarifying legislation. He said he would be forwarding his concurrence to OMB along with a suggestion that one provision of our proposal--relating to use of firearms to protect Agency officials--be limited to the Director and other officials only in exigent circumstances. I said that pending more careful study his proposal would be satisfactory provided the Deputy Director be specifically included under the firearms protection umbrella. Mr. Robinson indicated his approval for this further amendment and said when the time comes for him to coordinate such a further proposal he would interpose no objection.

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